

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### One Thousand Called to the Front at Once

#### All Our Resources Should be at the King's Command

#### THE SPIRIT OF GOD THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH

**"Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by my Spirit, Saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:6.**

The prophet, Zechariah, lived at a very important crisis of Jewish history. God had stretched forth His mighty hand in delivering the children of Israel from their long weary bondage and had opened up the way for them to return and build the old waste places and raise again the old ruined walls of the temple. Great enthusiasm prevailed because God had so marvelously restored to them the liberty that they had so long craved.

Since Zerubbabel was foremost in this great work, the words of the above text were given for his encouragement and instruction. They had not forgotten the long years of servitude and of bondage and that they were called upon to sing the songs of Zion in a strange land and the great difficulty they had of complying with their request and said, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" They hanged their harps on the willows and sat down by the river and wept. Then they remembered Zion. In another place we hear them saying to their God, "Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south."

A few thoughts about the streams of the north and south and the contrast between them. First, the streams of the south never freeze over. They never get so cold but what you can hear the beautiful rippling of the waters as they glide over the little shoals and on under the beautiful shades of the overhanging trees whose leaves never wither. They are cheered on their journey by the beautiful songs of the birds and everything is happy, lovely and grand. They have some rough places to run over, but they go on their journey unobstructed by the cold icebergs and their progress is unhindered by the cold winter weather. It is said that there is a stream in the north that during the rough, cold winter weather, freezes over. Then the ice breaks loose and floats down the stream and in places it begins to drift and lodge and obstructs the flow until it dams up the stream and the water rises higher and higher until it breaks over and flows down through the valley and makes for itself another channel. Its source is higher than the drifts are able to hinder and the water flows on until its course is changed and it makes its way through some other channel.

So it is with the great work of God. The source of the spiritual blessings are from the hilltops of the eternal world. We may enjoy the blessings for a while and then grow cold and indifferent and careless about the great work of God and allow the spiritual icebergs to drift and hinder the on flow of spiritual blessings to this lost world but God will send them if He has to search out another channel. If the present movement should grow cold and indifferent and careless about the work of God and become at ease, God

would raise up somebody else and hurl this gospel to the nations of the earth.

We have the noble privilege of engaging in this great work of God in these last days but, if we of our own choice refuse to allow the holy fire to burn and grow cold and indifferent about His cause, He will raise up others that will be willing to do it. Let us remember the tremendous responsibility that is resting upon the shoulder of every one and earnestly pray that the mighty on flow of spiritual blessings will continue to flow unhindered by any spiritual coldness or icebergs and that the tide of salvation will rise higher and higher until the affect will be felt in every church, in new fields, the isles of the sea and the regions beyond and that the earth will be glad because the Lord is doing great things.

The children of Israel, no doubt, sighed and wondered if they would ever enjoy the spiritual liberty that they had learned that their fathers once enjoyed. But oh, the joy when they returned to Zion. Although they looked over the rubbish and the ruined walls of the temple and everything that was visible seemed to be discouraging to them they remembered that it was their God that had brought them home again. They were all well organized and started in to remove the old rubbish and to repair the old waste places and raise up the old walls of the temple again. While this seemed to be a great undertaking for them, they remembered that they were doing it for their God who said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts." They toiled from day to day with the holy expectation of some day seeing it finally restored to its old time beauty and grandeur and glory. This same spirit should possess every child of God in these last days. It is not so much of what we see today or that we will be able to know the full results of our labor but oh, let us toil in the service of our God knowing our labor is not in vain in the Lord. That which encourages me today is what we are going to behold in the future. If they had had no hopes of the temple ever being restored and the worship restored again as in its former years this would have been discouraging but on they worked with glad willing hands to restore the temple and rearrange their worship as in the days of old.

Our work and service today, beloved, is largely to unearth the beautiful things that have been covered up for ages, to restore the old waste places, and raise the foundations of many generations. It is a noble work, a grand privilege and a joyous service. We are looking and longing to see the work of God carried on as in the early days of the Church. We are longing to see Pentecost repeated and signs and wonders to be done as in the early days of the

Church. To be able to do this we must let the Holy Ghost have His way in all of our services. This can not be brought about by human skill or human manipulation, human regulation or stipulation but it must be brought about by the Holy Spirit of God that comes down and takes full possession of the human being and uses him in the way that pleases God. The Holy Spirit must be honored in all worship.

If we refuse to let Him have His way, it will result in a dry and barren service. Nothing else in all the world can take His place in divine service. When He is grieved we have a cold, dry and formal service. When He is honored, wave after wave of glory sweeps over the congregation, the saints rejoice and the music is like heaven. The preacher preaches with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The extra manifestation of His presence should be honored and appreciated as much as if God had sent a committee of angels down to impart to us some heavenly message. This is the power of the world to come.

These seasons of refreshings and special manifestations of His glory and power are only a gentle reminder of what we are going to enjoy in the home of the soul. We feel this heavenly glorious feeling in our soul. We feel the power as it surges through our very being. This is unearthly. It does not belong to this world. The world knows nothing about this, neither can they know it. It is this power that is going to win souls for God. It is this power that causes men to fall like dead men and cry out, "What shall we do to be saved?" This is the power that will break hard stony hearts and move strong men to tears. It is this power that makes out songs sound like heavenly music. This is the power that causes the testimony of the saints to fall like honeydew upon the hearts of this lost world. It is this power that carries the preacher beyond himself and causes him to utter things that astound the congregation as well as himself. It is this power that takes possession of the saints of God and causes them to do strange things. This power must be given full right of way in every part of our services if we expect God to honor and bless and give us days of prosperity.

A story is told of an infidel who was lecturing that there was no God and if the nominal churches of this day had ever had a God they had lost Him. He would call the attention of his hearers to the 16th chapter of Mark and say, "Where is this God? Where is the God of signs and wonders?" He would refer them to the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles where they heard the sound of the rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance." And said,

"If you ever had a God, you have lost Him."

He was strolling the streets of one of our great centers of population. The evening shadows had gathered and as he journeyed on he heard a strange noise in the distance. He heard singing that had some special attraction that he was not able to understand or describe. He drew nearer and nearer in search of the place and stopped at the door of an humble mission. He heard them sing a beautiful song. He stepped in and sat down just inside of the door, the singing continued, the heavenly music floated out on the air and it fell on that hard stony heart of his. A strange power seemed to take possession of him and the attraction continued to increase. After the singing was over, a little girl about twelve years old arose and faced the congregation to testify and tell what great things the Lord had done for her. Her words were mellow and sweet. The tears streamed down her cheeks. Her little lips began to quiver under this mighty power and her body was quaking and trembling and she began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. This infidel cried out, "I have found Him at last. Here is the God of Pentecost." He made his way tottering and trembling, to the front and knelt at the altar and confessed his sins to God and believed on Him and sought Him until he found the same blessing that the little twelve year old girl had found. He discontinued his infidel lectures and began to preach this wonderful gospel of Christ to this lost world.

Beloved, it is that unearthly power that comes down and takes possession of the human body that is going to convince this world. Great sermons are all right if they are truly great but it takes the Spirit of our God to make them great. It is not a display of eloquence that this world is hungry for. It is not those who are able to scatter star dust or give out little sermonettes cut and dried but it is the message that God gives, delivered under His anointing, that is going to cause men and women to turn to Him and His Church.

Every minister and worker should earnestly plead and wait before God for a renewal of spiritual strength and for a special anointing that this world may again be shocked from the batteries of the sky. It is spiritual power that the Church needs today worse than anything else. The world has already been theorized to death. They have been gorged and stuffed with things that do not give them rest in their soul nor power in their life. Let us carry the message of love and power to this hungry world and let them see that there is something extra about this thing that the world does not have. This "extra something" is that which will attract and win the world for God.

The greatest wonder of the fiery furnace was that the form of one was like unto the Son of God. True it was wonderful that they could see the three men walking with their garments unscorched and unharmed but the greatest and crowning wonder was the fourth one that made His appearance in the fire. Every saint of God should earnestly pray that this power should be demonstrated to this lost world in that marvelous way that

#### AN URGENT CALL

A call for one thousand men and women who are loyal, red blooded and noble hearted, that will volunteer their service and resources to the Church of God Publishing House that it may be freed from its financial incumbrance so that the columns of the Evangel may be filled with messages of full salvation.

The call is as follows:

100	who will give	\$50.00	each
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Many have already enlisted and have their names on the Honor Roll. We want to raise this number by Feb. 11. Every Church of God is a recruiting station. If you are not close to a church you may send your enlistment direct to Headquarters. Your name will then be placed on the Honor Roll. You can do this by filling out and mailing to Headquarters the following blank which is prepared for your convenience.

Much depends on quick action in this matter.

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I notice your call for volunteers to help free the publishing house from its indebtedness.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

would cause the world to wonder and heaven to rejoice and hell to tremble. This is the power that we need. This is the power that succeeds.

Dear ones, let us dedicate our bodies, the temple of the Holy Ghost, afresh to our God for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost that His power can be demonstrated through us. It is God's plan that we should be so transformed and given up to Him that His Spirit can work in and through us to will and to do of His own good pleasure and that we may be used as a channel of blessing to this lost and hungry world.

Every child of God should feel the importance of being fully given up to the Holy Ghost and to especially honor Him in His office. This same spirit whose presence we have enjoyed so long, whose power has electrified our entire being so many times, some day will pick us up from life's dusty road and give us a pleasant trip through the air, enveloped in the glory of God. We will hear the shouts of the saints from every land and see the great head of the Church to whom our soul is abounding in love and longing to see.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:11. Dear ones, if we should be stubborn and rebellious and draw back at the gentle touch of His Spirit in service and at other times we might at that important hour draw back,

refuse to yield and be left behind when the Lord comes for His saints. Oh, that every soul would be hungry for the same Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead. It is said that there is a great magnet that is so strong that it can be swung around and it will bring metal of the same nature out from under the ground and draw it to itself. Jesus is the great heavenly magnet. One of these days He will leap the battlements of heaven with His holy angels and will make a swing through the air over this world and every one that has that same Spirit will feel that quickening power as it draws us to Himself.

It should be the highest aim of every child of God to be ready for that glorious event, and know beyond a doubt that they possess that same Spirit that raised our Lord from the dead, knowing that it is on Him that we must depend to waft us through the air when our work on earth is done.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." 1 Thes. 4:15-18.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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## The Lord Blesses in Dark Corners

To the Saints of God Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

Just a few lines to show you how the Lord has built up a church and blessed His people in a dark corner.

When we started the work in this town it was opposed by all the forces Satan could muster against us, or it looked that way to me. Three coal mine superintendents, two store managers, two preachers and most of their followers tried to stop our meetings. Some said they did not intend to have it preached in this hollow, including many towns. They closed all doors against us. We felt back to our last line of defense. I took my own, or rather the house I had rented from the company to live in, and started up prayer meeting, making all welcome both friend and foe.

Brother Laud L. Vaught came over and held a four weeks meeting with some success. There were fourteen added to the church but most of them moved away.

We were having meetings three nights a week and the opposing forces started up meetings on our nights. The opposition was so strong until we had to close our meetings for a while. My wife and mother became discouraged and asked me to leave these parts and go where we could have meetings. But it seemed to me that God's hand was on my shoulder and we just waited and prayed. The time came for us to stir ourselves and we began making ready for meeting again. Some said there was no use but the dear Lord permitted me to see that I should stay.

The working men, high up in authority, began to lose their jobs and moved away until there are few of the opposing forces left around here and I hear rumors that some of them are going. Others have come over and taken their stand with us. All praise to Him who reigns above.

We now have twenty-six names enrolled in the Church of God and more are coming this way. We are also having good prayer meetings. The Lord surely is with us in these meetings and is blessing His people.

If you are in a dark corner hold on to God. He will not leave nor forsake you if you keep humble and trust Him.

Pray for us that we may have a real pentecostal meeting and that we may all be baptized with the Holy Ghost and that the light may still penetrate the darkness round about us and for souls to be led into the light. Also pray that He may fit and qualify some of the saints at this place to go preach the gospel. The time is short for work of this kind.

J. I. Vaught, clerk,  
Besoco, W. Va.

## A Grand Exchange to Be Made

Dear Saints and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise the Lord this morning for being saved from sin. "Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9.

I praise the Lord for being sanctified by His precious blood. I received the Holy Ghost like they did on the day of pentecost and spoke in tongues as the spirit gave the utterance according to Acts 2:4.

I praise God for being on the highway of holiness, the way that no un-

clean thing can travel on. I am glad that my heart's desire is to press the battle on and some day if we will be true to Jesus, we will exchange this cross for a crown. Praise God forever. The devil tries us in many ways but if we will hold on to God's unchanging hand He will take us through. I am glad I am trusting in Him. I am glad He is my all in all.

Dear ones, let us press on and be true to Jesus. I want to be ready when He comes. I want to have my lamp trimmed and burning when the cry is given, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matt. 25:6. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Dear ones, I praise the Lord for the great Church of God. I love her with all my heart. I mean to stand true to her teaching and lift her up before the world. I have many temptations and trials but I am looking to Jesus.

I want every one that reads this to pray God to keep me ever doing His precious will and pray for the Church of God that she will rise and shine this year.

Your sister looking for Jesus,  
Ola Mae Hendrix,  
Willisburg, Ky.

## SPANISH TRACTS

A word to our Spanish members and friends, we are printing some new tracts in Spanish and have some others on hand. A list of which we will give below:

- 1 EL HA DERRAMADO ESTO-QUE AHORA VEIS Y OIS  
He has shed forth this.
- 2 TOM GILSON, Y SU NISA  
Tom Gilson and His Little Girl
- 3 LA DOCTRINA QUE SOSTIENE  
The Signs That Follow
- 4 CARLOS CULSON  
Charley Coulson
- 5 ENSEÑANZAS DS. LA IGLESIA DE DIOS  
Teaching of the Church of God
- 6 NO PODRIMOS SABER  
We Would Not Know
- 7 EL HIJO ATRISTA  
The Injured Son
- 8 LAS SEÑALES QUE SIGUEN  
The Doctrine That Holds
- 9 EL TULLIDO TOMAS  
Cripple Tom
- 10 BUENAS NUEVAS PARA LOS ENFERMOS  
Good News for the Sick
- 11 CUANTAS IGLESIAS RECON- OZE LA BIBLIA Y CUALES SON SUS NOMBRES?  
How Many Churches?
- 12 EL PROQUE YO SOY UN MIEMBRO  
Why I am a Member

If you live among Spanish people you should order a good supply of the Spanish tracts and distribute them among them and see how much they will enjoy reading these tracts in their own language.

## NOTICE

To the Churches of God in Florida: There were several ministers set forth last year and ready for examination, to be examined at the October Camp-meeting. I sent a bundle of papers addressed to J. A. Self, Williams, Fla. They were misplaced some where. I have written two or three times and I am unable to find them. So I don't know any thing else to do but that the churches take it up again and have the parties who have been recommended, to fill out another paper. We don't even remember the names of those recommended.

F. J. Lee.

## AN EXHORTATION TO REPENTANCE WITH PROMISED BLESSINGS

J. B. Ellis

### AN EXHORTATION TO REPENTANCE

In the 14th chapter of Hosea we have an exhortation to repentance, with a promise of God's blessings.

Israel had gone away from God and was almost hopelessly backslidden at the time Hosea gave his prophecy.

The whole book of his prophecy abounds in parables showing the awful idolatry of the people and the judgments that were to be visited upon them for their rebellion against God. It is not until we reach the last chapter that we find much comfort for them, and they must repent to receive that.

### Israel

The first expression in the chapter is, "O Israel." These two words carry with them a depth of grief almost indescribable. It is as a man grieving over an impenitent and alienated son; as in the case of David when he cried for his own son, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee; O Absalom, my son, my son!"

"O Israel!" These words carry with them memories of times when Israel was in favor with God; times when God so marvelously delivered them out of the hand of their enemies; times when He led and fed them and manifested His presence in their midst; but now He speaks to them through the prophet, and then only to remind them of their pending doom, "O Israel!" What will you have Israel do, Lord? Surely they have so grieved you that there can be nothing hopeful to say to them. Then the Lord said, though they have gone back on me and bowed themselves down to idols, I want them to return unto me, "for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity;" but I want them to return unto me. They had fallen by their own iniquity and their own sins.

So many, when they begin to get cold, try to lay the blame on some one beside themselves. They say the pastor failed to do his duty and didn't treat them right, or the deacons didn't do right and this caused them to backslide. God said they had fallen by their own iniquity. Their sins and iniquities had separated them from their God.

### The prophet says, "Take with you words, and turn to the Lord."

They had to confess their sins and take words that would express their real condition. They were not to tell God how mean their neighbors had been or what a failure their preacher was for they could never get to God in that way. They were to take words that would tell how mean they were and how mean they had treated God and their neighbors.

They could never get to God without making a confession of sin. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." They must tell God all about the time when they lost their temper and turned their tongue loose and demeaned every one on the place. They must take words that would express the facts and take all the blame on themselves and have no mercy or pity on themselves. The worse they could make it look for themselves the quicker they would be out of trouble and the sooner the sun would be shining in their souls.

The next thing they were to do was to ask God to "Take away all iniquity;" that is just the trouble with all backsliders. They never have had all iniquity taken out. The old man of sin is allowed to remain which invariably brings backsliding. Some people don't believe in being saved from all sin; but God told them to ask Him to take away all sin. Then the next thing they were to ask God for, was to receive them graciously. When the people get to talking to God like that something will happen.

The seeker that can get his mouth open can get through. What is the use for people to get down and cry and cry and never tell God anything they want. God says "Come let us reason together." God is a God of reason and delights to have us talk with Him about what we want. How some people get along who can't pray is a mystery. There are people who can talk to any and everybody, and yet they say they cannot pray and talk to God.

In the third verse they were told not to trust in the work of their own hands but to trust alone in God. They confessed, forsook their sins and begged God to receive them. This mixed with implicit faith and trust in God brought victory. The prophet said, "So will we render the calves of our lips." They go through on these lines get something to praise God for. They praise Him with their lips.

### THE PROMISED BLESSINGS

Now we come to the promises of God. They are for those who meet the conditions.

The first promise is "I will heal their backslidings." Some people say that backsliders are doomed. It all depends on whether backsliders meet the conditions or not. God's answer to all such is, "I will heal their backslidings." I will love them freely for mine anger is turned away from him." Oh, glory! Backsliders can get back to God and have His smile right

down in their soul again. He will set the joy bells to ringing and kiss away all the old blue off of their face and make them shine with the glory of God.

Dear souls, it means more to be a real Christian than many conceive of. Most people think about, skipping and dancing is the ultimatum of the Christian experience. So when they have to meet the trials of life they are ready to give up the struggle and begin to complain of what a hard time they are having. To all such I invite you to carefully note the remainder of this lesson in verses 5-7.

### "I will be as the dew unto Israel."

To perfectly understand the thought presented in these verses it is necessary to know what these expressions really mean in the oriental country. In Palestine it does not rain as it does in our country. At the time of this prophecy, owing to the disobedience of the people, God had withheld the rain from them and the only moisture the plant life received was from the heavy dew that came with the night season. During the day the hot scorching sun and winds almost reduced vegetation to powder; but after a night of moisture from the dew everything revived and looked vigorous and green, just like there was no drought on the grass and leaves that the day before looked like they would burn, sparked with the dew of the night. The withered appearance gave way to a vigorous life that seemed to know nothing of yesterday's scorching sun and withering winds. How like the Christian life this is!

We are often called to endure hardships; go through deserts of testings and droughts, until it appears like we will have to give over the struggle; and when we can endure no longer we retire to some secret place and begin to pour our soul out to God in prayer, when all of a sudden, the gentle dew of God's divine grace begins to fall on our impoverished soul; the heavenly breezes as from the wing of some guardian angel begin to bathe our fevered brow; the birds begin to sing, and we almost forget the long season of testing.

Dear ones, you who are going through some hard tests, hold on to God. It is your opportunity to prove yourselves to be true blue soldiers. When God sees it is enough, He will send the gentle dew down in such refreshing sweetness that you will be tempted to ask God to let you go through another test.

Some think when they can shout they are growing in grace. No, they are more apt to shout out their supply of grace and begin to think they are more spiritual than their brothers and sisters in the church; thus becoming spiritually proud, which is the most hateful form of pride in existence. Paul says, "He giveth more grace to the humble."

### "He shall grow as the lily."

The lily of Palestine is a very tiny little flower. One thing peculiar about it is, that nine-tenths of it is under the ground. It just makes a little stem about an inch in length; just long enough to reveal to the observer the beautiful white flower. This flower is covered with a kind of velvety gauze which absolutely refuses to retain the dust and soot that might fall on it. How like a true humble child of God who is hid away in Christ, with God, just enough exposed to reveal the Christlike spirit. The lily stands erect all the long hot day without showing any sign of wilting and why? It is because of the depths of its roots. They are said to reach a depth of fifteen feet beneath the surface of the earth; so deep that it does not have to depend on the atmosphere for its moisture; it gets its substance from beneath. Paul says something about being rooted and grounded. That is the lesson conveyed by the lily. The way up is down. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." "He that will be great among you let him be servant of all."

### "He shall cast forth his roots as Lebanon."

Here, we get another lesson from the cedars of Lebanon mountain. Along the brow and slopes of Mount Lebanon are found some of the most famous cedars of the world. They have stood the wind and storms of centuries and have never been blown over. Other timber is sometimes laid flat by the frequent storms, but the cedars, never. The prophet says, "He shall cast forth his roots as Lebanon." One thing peculiar about these cedars, they send their roots down deep into the subsoil, till they reach a large boulder (a large lime rock) and then form a net work around it until it becomes so firmly grasped by its roots, that to blow the tree over would mean to pull the boulder out of the ground. This is the secret of the cedar's power of endurance. In this is pictured the Christian life.

The roots of faith, hope and love are so deeply imbedded in and entwined around the rock of ages that the storms of persecution and criticism can't overthrow them. It is like the wind surging and awaying to and fro. The trunk of the cedar only loosens up the soil and adds

fertility to the tree; so the persecutions of the true saints only add to their Christian development and affords them an opportunity to prove the genuineness of their faith.

(To be Continued)

## Looking Forward to the Marriage Supper

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

It is wonderful to know that we have the great Holy Ghost to lead us in these last days.

We are made to wonder at this age of time what will be next on the great scene of life. It takes all the power we can get to stand in this evil day. It seems that we can almost hear Him tell Paul that His grace is sufficient.

Precious saints, as we look around and see how Satan is working with every evil device he has, trying to discourage God's children, don't give up, precious soul, for our race is almost run. Can't you almost see our precious Saviour as He tells us in Luke 21: 25-28, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

It sure is wonderful how prophecy is being fulfilled. I am looking for Jesus. It surely must be about time for Him to arrive. We will look toward the eastern skies and see our blessed Redeemer coming with power and great glory.

"And the armies which were in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thighs a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:14-16.

About this time we will be caught up to be with Him at the great marriage supper of the Lamb. Praise His precious name.

Probably while we are having the supper there will be an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand and lay hold on the dragon, that old serpent, the devil and Satan and bind him a thousand years. We will then come back here and reign as kings and priests a thousand years. Praise God. I am looking forward to that time.

Dear saints let's hold the banner high that we may be counted worthy to enter in. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21.

William L. Brown,  
926 E. Washington St.  
Louisville, Ky.

## Jesus Laid Down His Life for Us

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

I am praising God for saving my soul from a burning pit of hell. He saved me in the year, 1921, later He sanctified me wholly and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. I can't praise Him enough for what He is to me each day.

Sometimes the test seems hard and the burden heavy but I only look to Jesus and He brings deliverance. When persecutions arise I think of Matt. 5:10, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

I am living in a place where there isn't any Church of God and the people really don't know about holiness. They have plenty of false teachers and they love their teaching more than the Church of God.

Dear saints, pray much for this place. I am the only one here that has the light on holiness and demons are around me day and night. My determination is to do right for Jesus every day. I am determined to lay down my life for Jesus' sake and the gospel for in Mark 8:35, "Whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." This is my determination to lay down my life for Jesus' sake because He first laid down His life for us.

Dear saints, pray much, the harvest truly is great and the labourers are few. I am determined to go out in the harvest field to help to bring lost ones to the fold as soon as the Lord fits me up to go.

Your sister for lost souls,  
Lily Hanna,  
Acklin Island, Bah.

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## Healed of Pneumonia

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings: I am a member of the dear Church of God and not only that but I know I am saved, sanctified and have the baptism of the precious Holy Ghost of which I am not ashamed. Praise

God! Oh, how I do wish everyone had this great blessing. My blessed Saviour is all I need.

I am so glad that I can trust Him for both soul and body.

I laid flat of my back and helpless for thirteen months. All doctors and the people gave me up. On the 16th of July my people became willing to dismiss the doctor and let the saints come and pray for me. They came and prayed and I was healed that evening. Praise God for His mighty healing power.

Last Monday I took bad again. Every one that saw me said I had pneumonia fever and would not live if we did not call the doctor.

The saints of McMinnville, came Monday night and prayed for me. The Lord touched my body and I was better. I took awfully bad the next day. Sister Martin called Brothers Bryant and Prince of Campaign to come. They came and prayed and held on to God until the victory was won over the enemy.

I want all of you dear saints to please pray for me that the Lord will keep the enemy off of my body and make me strong so I can go back to church and Sunday school. We live about three and one half miles from the Church of God and the people have told me that I must stay at home until I get a lot stronger. I love church and Sunday school so well that it will go hard with me to stay away. Please pray that I will be made strong.

Your sister in Christ,  
Dolencia Bolt,  
R. 4, Box 10, McMinnville, Tenn.

## REQUESTS

J. T. McClain, Day, Fla., wants all the saints to pray for him to receive the Holy Ghost.

Eliza Kendall, Rosine, Ky., desires prayer for the healing of her eyes and health in general.

Little John Daniel, Seymore, Morgan City, La., requests prayer for his throat. He has tonsil trouble.

George W. Bumgarner, North Wilkesboro, N. C., requests prayer that God will send a Church of God preacher there and that he will receive the full blessing.

Maggie Turner, Double Springs, Ala., desires the prayers of all the saints that she will be healed of a bad stomach trouble and head and throat trouble. And pray that the Lord will give her more faith.

Bertha Pilgrim, Arley, Ala., desires prayer that she may be the cause of some one seeing the light on holiness in that place and that her husband might be saved before it is too late.

Mrs. Nancy Whittington, Summit, Miss., requests prayer for the healing of her baby and that her husband and three children may receive the blessing before it is too late. Also pray for the Lord to heal a man there and that God will send a preacher to that place.

J. R. Blagburn, Double Springs, Ala., desires all the saints everywhere to earnestly pray that his cancers will be completely healed. They are all over his face and behind both ears. And pray that he will grow stronger in the Lord and that his faith will be increased.

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We have in stock the 1923 edition of the Christian Life Calendar. Every month shows a beautiful Bible colored picture, and it gives a Scripture verse for every day. They are much nicer to have hanging on the advertise medicine and other things inappropriate for a Christian home. Price 30¢ each. Special Prices in quantities.



## Educational Department

F. J. LEE, Superintendent.

### What About Headquarters?

Doubtless many people have been wondering how the work is getting along at Headquarters. I feel sure that if I were away as I have been for several years, I would be wanting to know how the work was getting along.

#### The Bible School

First, I will speak of the Bible School. The students seem to be well pleased and progressing nicely. Some of them, just after the Assembly, felt that the call was so urgent on the field that they must go and not wait any longer, but some have returned and said they felt that they had done wrong by leaving. Now the school is of real interest. We have some good times in the study of the New Testament, prophecy and general Biblical instruction, also homiletics and elocution. Then Sister Chambers is the teacher of the general literary work. Our young ministers of the Church of God should avail themselves of this study and begin now, to make preparation to enter the school next fall.

#### By Correspondence

Also many are showing an interest in the Bible course by correspondence. The Church of God is interested about her ministers and if they can't come to the local school we will bring the school to them by correspondence.

#### Churches

We are getting good and favorable reports from the field. Ministers are writing that the work seems real favorable. Our General Overseer on the field will doubtless bring inspiration to many weakened churches as well as individual members. Many have expressed themselves that if he could only be out like Paul was, they believed that the work would progress better. We only hope that their prophecy or prediction will come true. As you see from his reports in the Evangel it looks as though it was having great effect.

#### The Local Church

The Church at Cleveland is progressing nicely. Some little frictions that seemed to exist at first seems to be melting like snow and we are having some wonderful meetings. The pastor, Brother Ellis, and wife are walking the streets, visiting the sick and needy and administering to their needs. In fact, it just looks as though every one is settling down for real business for the Lord and the welfare of his brother.

Our Sunday School is holding up well through the winter months by the able superintendency of A. J. Lawson and his helpers.

A branch of the local church at South Cleveland is moving right on under the pastorate of Brother Tharp.

#### The Church of God Evangel

We like to stretch this out long, like Brother Tomlinson used to say, sane-ti-fi-ca-tion. He liked to hold it in his mouth a long time. He said, "It is sweet." The name, Church of God Evangel, should be sweet to every Church of God member. It has been a blessing to many precious souls and must bless many thousands more.

All here who are connected with the paper are doing all they can to make it the best paper in the world. Thousands believe it as such now. Many pleasant words are sent in, concerning the paper, its reading matter etc.

Let me admonish that every body who loves God and His paper to make special efforts to get subscribers. This will greatly help.

Now, let me call attention again to the fact, although it has been announced through the Evangel, also with a personal letter, that Brother Llewellyn has become greatly enthused over making a desperate effort to run the Evangel out of debt. Who is responsible for this debt? Must F. J. Lee pay it? (If he could?) Must J. S. Llewellyn, A. J. Tomlinson, or any other individual pay it? No, it is not Lee, Llewellyn, or Tomlinson Evangel but Church of God Evangel. It belongs to the Church of God, and the Church of God is responsible for its going forth. Would you have it to stop coming to your home? No, a thousand times no. Well, what are we going to do about it? Some how I imagine I can see some almost gritting their teeth and saying, "I'll show you what I'll do, I will go my full length for the cause which I believe to be one of the greatest causes existing today."

I want to mention again that the work seems real favorable and I really believe that if every one will put his shoulder to the wheel and push with all his might that the thing will come out of the bog by the Assembly.

How would you feel if you were in a bog up to the axle with your car and you were working with all of your might, and you were cold and wet and hungry, but every body passed by and wouldn't give you a lift? I shall never forget how Brother Lawson crawled over in the brush and water and lifted the front wheel of my car out of a bog. Also another man, a stranger to me, he wasn't a brother in the church, came along while my car was sitting in a bog in Florida just at dusk and helped me out of the bog. Did I feel thankful to the man? Needless for me to say that I looked up on that man as a generous good man.

I'm sure Brother Lawson got a

bleeding out of what he did. Also I'm sure that while I, as one of God's servants, whom He had sent to travel in Florida even over the boggy roads when occasion demanded it that God is not unrighteous to forget that act of kindness of the man that helped His servant out of a bog.

Would you help the dear Lord if you should see Him traveling along with a heavy burden and you saw Him with His burden bogged? "Yes," you say, "I would get down in the mud for Him or any thing else that it would take to get His load rolled out where it could move on in good shape."

Hundreds have said that the Evangel was God's paper. Do you yet believe it? Yes, I'm sure you do. Well, come on boys, girls, men and women let us push with all of our might while Brother Llewellyn holds the steering wheel. God will furnish the power (grace) and surely we will go out this time. Some may say, "I'm tired of pushing. It looks like it never will come out." Yes, I've said that many times, but how good I felt when I did get out, and got up into the seat and went sailing down the road. I would say, I'm glad I didn't give up. Alright here we go! EVERY PREACHER, EVERY MEMBER, DO SOMETHING. We are going out of this thing. We must go to the birthday celebration of the Church of God Evangel.

### Good News From the Church of God Bible School

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Just a few words to my Lord and King. I certainly do praise Him for His great love and mercy.

I will never get through praising my Savior and King for His precious blood. In it we find all that we need for both soul and body. I praise Him for speaking peace to my soul. When I was in sin and on the downward road to hell I cried out of the depths of my soul to the Lord for a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within me and He heard and answered my prayer. Psalms 51:10.

Later on He applied His precious blood to my soul through faith, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Acts 15:8, 9. When I sought for the Holy Ghost with all of my heart He came in to abide in His temple. 1 Cor. 6:18, 19. How did I know when He came into His temple? I heard Him speak in tongues. Acts 2:4; John 15:26, 27; Acts 10:44, 45; 19:6.

When I saw the light on the Church of God I walked in it and was added to her. I surely do thank God for His great Church and that I am permitted to be a member.

I would not be doing the Lord justice if I were to fail to praise Him for the Church of God Bible school and for being permitted to attend. It surely is grand. All of our young preachers ought to attend.

We find that Paul told Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15. Again we hear Paul telling the saints at Ephesus to put on the whole armour of God. Eph. 6:10-17. In putting on the whole armour of God we must be equipped and trained. This school is the best place that I know of to prepare so when we go out on the battlefield we can put this gain saying world to silence. "Sound speech, that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:8.

We have a fine Bible teacher, Brother F. J. Lee. He is instructing us how to use the two edged sword, the Word of God. We count it a great privilege to sit at the feet of such an able teacher.

Friends, if you intend to go out on the battlefield to work for Jesus, prepare now to attend the next term of school. I am sure you will never regret it in the least.

The reason so many young people that go out on the battlefield make shipwreck is for the lack of training and preparation. Make your arrangements now to attend the next term of school which will last for only six months.

We notice that the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to study and be equipped as a worker. Yet Timothy had been taught the Bible from his youth. Now, friends, if he needed to be prepared, we surely need to be.

We notice that the disciples were taught the Word of God at the feet of Jesus. He also gave them instructions.

May the Lord bless you all and work upon your hearts to attend the school next year if Jesus tarries.

A student of the Church of God Bible school,

H. L. Gillett,

Cleveland, Tenn.

### IN MEMORY OF

DOVER

On Jan. 4, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Willie Dover of Gastonia, N. C., and called their little ten months old baby home.

All was done for little Mary Kathleen that loving hands could do but God saw fit to take her home.

The funeral service was conducted

by Brother J. C. Underwood and her little body was taken to Lincoln county, N. C., to the Ashbury cemetery and laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just.

One who loved her,  
F. E. Patterson.

#### CURTIS

Brother Bill Curtis was born Feb. 24, 1874 and departed this life Jan. 9, 1923.

His death was caused by a rock falling on him in the mines. He was gotten out but lived only a short time. But the great thought is, that he was ready. He was converted in the M. E. church several years ago and was added to the Church of God at Bell Town in 1919 and has lived in the Church ever since. He was always ready to lead the singing and will be greatly missed in the services.

He is survived by a wife, two sons and three daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother W. F. Bryant of Cleveland, Tenn. and his body was laid to rest to await the soon coming of Jesus.

One who dearly loved him,  
J. R. Thomas.

#### SUMNER

On Oct. 27, 1922 the death angel visited the home of Brother Charlie Sumner and claimed his dear wife, Mattie Jane, age 19 years and 1 month.

She was a member of the Baptist church and her husband is a member of the Church of God. Both had salvation and enjoyed going with each other to their church. They lived a happy life but God saw fit to call her home to be with Him.

She was sick only a short while. She said she was wonderfully saved and ready to go.

Left to mourn are, husband, infant, mother and brother.

Her funeral was conducted by Brothers Love and Harrel and her body laid to rest in the Omega cemetery to await the soon coming of our Lord.

Charlie Sumner,  
Omega, Ga.

#### KIRBY

On Jan. 7, 1923 the death angel visited the home of our dear brother, Andy Kirby, and claimed his loving companion, Roxie Kirby, age 32 years.

She was converted about fourteen years ago and joined the Baptist church. She was a faithful member of that church until six years ago when she embraced the principles and doctrine of the Church of God and became a member. She was loyal to its teachings until her death.

It was our privilege to visit her some during her sickness.

Just a few hours before her death we had prayer with her. She surely enjoyed it. The Lord put His power upon her and she would clap her hands and praise the Lord. She said she was willing and ready to go.

She leaves to mourn, husband, four children and a host of relatives and friends.

Her pastor,  
E. M. Ellis.

#### SIMPSON

On Nov. 17, 1922 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. J. W. Simpson of Ethelville, Ala., and claimed her dear companion, age 72 years.

He was a member of the Church of God at Dora, Ala. We shall never forget the striking testimonies. He was so kind and good to everybody.

He traveled over several states in the work of the Lord with husband and me and had a large circle of friends and loved ones. Everybody was always glad to know that Father Simpson had arrived. No doubt but through his tears and friendly disposition many were led to Christ.

During his illness which lasted twelve months, he would talk of heaven so much and how he longed to be there.

When we used to visit his home he was so glad to meet us at the depot and he always had a smile for us. After his illness became so intense he would watch for us as we would come and go. I fancy I can see him shade his eyes with that bony hand as we would drive up.

He is survived by a wife, five sons, one daughter and two sisters.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mays, pastor of the M. E. church South, and the remains were laid to rest in the Simpson cemetery.

His daughter-in-law,  
Ollie E. Simpson.

### BATTLEFIELDS

We have just closed a two weeks meeting with great victory. Three were saved, three reclaimed, six sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost, two were added to the church and two baptized in water. The church wonderfully moved forward and the Lord worked with great power with signs, wonders, speaking in tongues and interpretations telling us to go on, reports James Daniel and John Bunch, Corbin, Ky.

I have just closed a meeting here at Archers Fork, Ohio. God surely blessed the saints here. The power of the Lord was manifested and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. The people set spell-bound. They seem to be amazed to see the power and manifestation of the Spirit. Two were saved, one sanctified, three reclaimed and four baptized in water.

The weather was bad all during the meeting but the people walked from four to five miles to hear the old time gospel preached. The meeting closed with the saints shouting and dancing the victory.

Clarence Beagle,  
Middletown, Ohio.

### District Convention, Fostoria, Ohio

The first district convention of 1923 was held in Fostoria, Ohio, Jan. 6-7. District No. 1, includes the following churches: Akron, Fostoria, Toledo and Walbridge. The convention was in charge of Brother J. A. Wilkerson, district overseer. Some of the saints arrived Thursday evening. We met at the church for service and the Lord met with us and poured out His Spirit upon us.

Friday at 10:00 A. M. the convention opened. The saints continued to come in from the different churches of the district filled with power and glory. The Lord blessed from the very beginning. After singing and prayer Brother Wilkerson gave the opening address, You are Welcome. The message of welcome was sent forth with power. We felt as if we were in a family gathering. In the afternoon Brother C. Cresty of Akron gave us a soul stirring message on Bible unity.

In the evening the visitors were welcomed by song and wave offering. The power continued to fall and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. A lively testimony service followed. It was wonderful to see the freedom, love and unity among God's children. The evening message, New Birth, was delivered by the writer. God blessed in the effort.

Saturday morning, Brother Wallace of Akron gave a good message on Steadfastness. He made it plain that we were to stand steadfast on God's Word. Saturday afternoon, Sister Laura Rogers of Akron preached a thrilling sermon on Self Denial. It encouraged the saints to press on over the hard places. Following this the clerks of the different churches read their report. It was carried out in such a business way that it made us rejoice because we were counted worthy to do business for Him.

In the evening we welcomed the visitors who had recently arrived by standing and praising the Lord. Different committees read their report. It seemed good to us and the Holy Ghost. This was followed by a special song by daughter, Dorothy, and myself, God's Grace is What You Need. The power fell, the saints shouted and talked in tongues. This caused many to look on in amazement. Brother Florence of Toledo gave a good message, Ye are My Witnesses.

Sunday morning the Sunday school was good and well attended. Brother Rembert gave a short talk on the Orphans. We are interested in that work. Prayer was offered for the sick in the morning service. A number were healed during the convention. Brother Rembert, our state overseer, brought to our minds the work of the ministry and what was required of a minister.

Sunday afternoon, Brother Phillips of Akron, under God's anointing, gave his testimony and the message, Peace With God. This melted the congregation to tears. He then sang, O How You Will Love Him When You Know Him. This was followed by a wonderful message on Church Government by Brother Rouse of Toledo. God demonstrated His power during this message.

The Young Peoples Meeting, Sunday evening, was opened with great interest. Brother Vaughan of Akron rendered good service in the meeting and encouraged the young people to go on, and for the parents and older ones to help them to press on through trials and tests. This was followed by a special song by the children, Charles Babb and Hazel Bowers. The message was given by Brother Stewart of Toledo. Will it Pay to Become a Christian? It was very spiritual and uplifting. Then Brother Wilkerson delivered a wonderful message on Court the Lord's Favor.

The Lord's presence and power was felt throughout the entire convention. The divine love was manifested in God's people. The town in general as well as the church and other saints asked that the convention be held there again. The meeting was enjoyed by all present and the power was demonstrated in shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. The convention closed with hearty handshakes and a God bless you. The saints returned home with great joy to wait for the next convention which will be held in Toledo, Ohio. The date will be announced later.

Yours for the Master,  
Bertha Weaver,  
Walbridge, Ohio.

### We Can Know Believers

To the Saints of God Scattered Abroad—Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:

I feel led to write my testimony as I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence for He speaks for Himself. We read in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

I am so glad that we can know the believers by these signs following.

Paul said, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 1 Cor. 14:39." Some folks had better be careful. Well, praise God, for this way. It just suits me.

We have meeting twice a month and Sunday school every Sunday here at a schoolhouse. I want all the saints to pray for us. We need your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. H. Swift,  
R. 2, Lafayette, Ga.

## The World For Christ

This is our slogan.

But do you know what it means?

It means that every one of the saints of God will have to do his share—you in your place, I in mine—every man and woman has a place to fill.

You will have to be a workman—a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

You may have to be a missionary to some foreign country—or a missionary across town—or up in the mountains. Somewhere you have to do something.

Oh, if we could only realize how the weeks and months and years are fleeting by without our doing much toward winning the world for Christ.

The reason that many splendid Christians never become Christian workers is because they never take up definite preparation for it. They may accomplish a little, but not much.

Those who set out to do something definite and are willing "to study to show themselves approved unto God" become the Timothy and Tituses of the Church. They become superintendents of Sunday Schools, the corner stone of the Church, the comfort to the weak, the teacher and the leader of the young. They are worth while in God's kingdom. Instead of all the time having to be helped, they can all the time help the weaker ones.

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We had a wonderful time at Thurber, Christmas eve day and night. We had fine music, singing and speeches and a good dinner. People were there from Ranger, Strawn, Gordon, Okla and the places around there. Some wonderful testimonies were given. All seemed to enjoy themselves. I am sure that that day will never be forgotten by the people who attended.

On Christmas day a number of people from Thurber went with us to Ranger. They had a fine program and a good dinner. We all had a very enjoyable time.

That night we started a battle against sin. Our state overseer, H. B. Scoggins, and Brother Roy Baker from Weatherford joined us. Brother Scoggins preached some fine sermons which were very convincing to the many hearers. Praise God for men who are mighty in the Scriptures. He couldn't stay very long with us but we continued the meeting. It lasted three weeks. There were eleven saved, eight sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and four were added to the Church. Hallelujah! I am sure there are others who will come later if we continue in the faith and have love for them.

The Church of God at Ranger has had a real fight ever since it was established but, thank God, she has some real saints and workers.

We canvassed the town and asked the merchants and citizens to help us raise money to buy a lot. They responded willingly and we purchased a lot 50x90 ft., close to town and some lumber on it for \$150.00 cash. The lot belongs to the Church of God. Help us to shout for we have been driven from pillar to post in Ranger but we are established there now and it is not at the foot of the hill either. We must now get a church building put up. Pray for us.

Yours in the battle for lost souls,  
M. E. Drake, district overseer,  
Box 336, Thurber, Tex.

### NOTICES

I would like to hold or help in meetings. I have completed my Bible course and have been doing personal work.

Eliza Kendall,  
Rosine, Ky.

The Church of God at Manatee, Fla., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of W. C. Reeves, Mrs. F. J. Stinard and Mrs. J. J. Hamana.

J. H. Dorsett, secretary and treasurer.

Any one wishing to have a Church of God preacher to hold meetings for them who is established in her teachings and government, please write me.

William L. Brown,  
926 East Washington, St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

We, the Church of God, at Cedar Grove, W. Va., want to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Irene Williams, Steve Soda and Ida Thornton. We would like to hear from them at once.

Floyd Rollis, district pastor,  
Cedar Grove, W. Va.

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To any Church of God in reasonable reach of me that has no pastor, I will be glad to drop in and hold a revival for you if you will write me and give me a little information about your place and how to reach it.

E. D. Hopkins, evangelist,  
Cullowhee, N. C.

I would like to know the whereabouts of George Golden. He is a preacher and goes from place to place with a tent. It is said that he has preached in Hattiesburg and Meridian, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala.

Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

H. F. Ragala,  
Newton, Miss.

We would like to get in touch with some one that can come here in the spring and hold a meeting and stay until we get victory.

The devil is busy all the time and this is surely a good place for somebody to work for the Lord. We always have good attendance and good order.

We can get a schoolhouse that is lighted well and pretty good in every way. We are praying for the Lord to put it on somebody's heart to come. If He does, come, and we will take care of you the best we can.

Hattie Richardson,  
Lanagan, Mo.

I would like to get about twenty acres of land to make a share crop near the Church of God. I prefer a place near Poplar Grove, Ark., but would consider a proposition somewhere else.

There are three of us in family and wife and I have the Holy Ghost and I prefer to work for a Church of God man. Write me at once.

Barney Nance,  
Lepanto, Ark.

To the Clarksdale District:

I want to say to all the saints, with a heart full of love, let us do our very best for the Lord this year and try to defeat the enemy on every hand. I find a good way to defeat him is to be organized. We want to get every church in the district right where God wants it and then we can expect great things from Him.

I want to ask every member of the Church of God in this district to have his membership transferred to the church nearest him.

The reason I am asking this is because I find some of the members in this district scattered over two or three states.

I want to get all the members in this district under band leaders so all the members can be seen after. We are expecting this of every member. Let us hear from you.

Lester Lay, district pastor,  
Holcomb, Miss.

To the Churches of West Virginia: I have received many phone messages and some have come to Huntington to see me when I would be away.

Here is my slate for the month of February and part of March, that all in the state may know my whereabouts:

Huntington,	Feb. 1-5.
Lenore,	" 6-9.
Nangantuck,	" 9-11.
War Eagle,	" 12-18.
Leckie,	" 19-22.
McDowell,	" 23-25.
Coalwood,	" 26-28.
Princeton,	Mar. 1-4.
Lester,	" 5-8.
Huntington,	" 9-14.

You can reach me at any of these places at the above dates or you can always reach me through my home address.

E. L. Simmons, overseer of W. Va.



## A Great Out Pouring at Pine Ridge Church

On Dec. 19 our state overseer, Brother Walker, left for Darlington, Md., to hold services there. We decided to observe Christmas day by holding services and have a few recitations by the Sunday school and also have a treat for them.

Christmas eve we planned and prayed for God to bless us in every effort that we should undertake and, praise His name, He did. I think that every brother and sister got such a blessing that they feel more determined to press on than ever before. Christmas day will never be forgotten by the saints here.

The Holy Ghost lead the meeting and never, since the church has been dedicated, have we seen God working and manifesting Himself in such a wonderful way. Sometime ago I saw a request for prayer for dark Maryland and this meeting made me believe that some one had been praying for this place.

Christmas night we had the children speak their pieces and then we gave them their treat. This was followed by a song by the congregation and a glad shaking of hands. Every saint was shouting and praising God before we got through singing. One sister was led under the power to the pulpit, opened the Bible and preached a sermon in other tongues. She prayed and sang and carried the Bible to most every one in the church. The Bible was then taken to Brother Harold Long and he preached in three different languages. He sang a beautiful song in other tongues and gave an altar call. Every member went to the altar and received a glorious refreshing. Two came to the altar seeking the Holy Ghost.

Several messages were given and interpreted. One was in Gal. 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Also Mark 5: 2 Cor. 1, and Rev. 22.

Brother Arthur Ruark, deacon of the church, preached a beautiful sermon on one of the interpretations given. The Lord surely did anoint him and every one was saying, "It was wonderful."

We went home praising God for the great victory in our soul. Brother Johnson said he thought we should keep the fire burning and hold services every night during Christmas which we all agreed to do.

Tuesday night we went to a home several miles from the church. The house was filled with people and soon after the service started the Holy Ghost began to lead and it was one of the best meetings we had ever attended. We had never seen the power work as it did that night. Brother Ruark preached on the Signs Following Believers.

One sister was led by the Holy Ghost to a large fire place and handled fire for quite a while and sang a song. Jesus, Coming Soon, Coming Soon. Two others did the same.

We were anxious to attend another service to see what God would do.

Wednesday night we went to Brother Johnson's and before we had finished singing the first song the power was falling and the saints were dancing and praising God. Brother Long gave a message in another language. One of the sisters received the interpretation and was anointed to preach. The saints were brought closer together and there seemed to be a divine love for one another. All seemed to be glad to be with us. The interpretation given that night was Luke 16:13 and Mark 5. This was another powerful meeting and the sinners could see that God was leading every step of the way.

I praise God for this wonderful salvation that gives us that deep settled peace in our soul and makes us love every body. Each message that was given showed that the Church of God needed to draw closer and come to a oneness. We need more love and unity.

Many who were discouraged and down hearted came back to God with a stronger determination to press on than when they had first started. It seemed that Jesus was helping us to celebrate His birthday by showing His wonderful power and the manifestations of the Holy Ghost.

Though the world is looking down on us with scorn, the Lord has given us something that helps us to overcome everything and sends us on our way rejoicing. In His precious Word He has said, "These things I command you that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

Dear Friends, this makes me know that this is the Bible way. I am one of the despised few. Praise Jesus.

I believe that if we would all live the sanctified life every day and go the Bible way praising God for every trial and burden that comes to us that it would be more encouraging to the sinner to turn from his wicked way.

Dear saints, let us try to live each day so the world can see that we have been with Jesus. I fear sometimes that they are watching us and if we don't live up to the standard God will hold us responsible, for if we profess so much and live such a little of it, the sinner consoles himself by saying that he is as good as we are.

It means something to serve God in the beauty of holiness. As we are the body of the true and living Christ let us examine ourselves daily and see if our life is hid in Christ.

I love the dear old Church of God and her divine government. It makes my heart rejoice to see her rise and shine.

Let us try, as we are told in the

third chapter of James, to bridle our tongue and not handle gossip and news as it comes to us. Let it stop there. If we see a brother or sister who seems to be losing their faith we can pray for them much easier than we can talk about them and perhaps win them back with a stronger desire than ever to go on with the Lord.

Dear friends, God has a wonderful work for His children to do and we haven't time to loiter on the way talking about our fellow man. We have an opportunity to help the fallen and it is our daily walk with Jesus that will help them.

I pray earnestly that every member of the Church of God will be true and stand steadfast that we may be able to win souls for Christ.

Pray much for us here that we may keep the fire burning and have a minister here to feed our little lambs.

Your humble sister in Christ,  
Susie L. Owens,  
Princess Ann, Md.

## When the Light Shines the Devil Runs

(A Letter of Cheer From a district Pastor to His Churches.)  
To the Nine Churches of the Chattanooga District—Greetings:

I take this method of paying you a visit at the beginning of the new year. I shall have no purpose in view, other than to endeavor to encourage each church in the district and to stimulate them to greater activity in every line of church work.

The mission of the Church of God in this world is to attend to the King's business until He returns. (See the parable of the pounds, Luke 19:11-26 and not the message to the careless and indifferent servant.) "Be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Rom. 12:11. Let each of us take new courage and work this year with greater zeal than ever before; for truly the King's business requireth haste.

We have six good preachers working in this district this year, besides myself, and I am going to try to be good and do all the good I can and see if I can answer for the seventh preacher in the district.

The numbers even denotes completion. If we can have a complete corps of preachers, I believe with the co-operation of each member, that we can put a bomb-shell of God's power into the devil's fort that will mean retreat to his forces and advancement for the Church of God in and around Chattanooga.

Cheer up! soldiers of the cross, and let's make a charge. Remember Gideon's army and break your pitcher, let your light shine and watch the devil run. The region of darkness is Satan's habitation and he won't stay where there is light. Doubtless he is already hunting a darker corner than the Chattanooga district because the light from the Church of God is truly shining in these parts. Souls are getting through to victory here at East Chattanooga in our regular meetings.

There were four at Ridgedale that received the Holy Ghost and one was sanctified in the regular Sunday night meeting, Jan. 7, 1923.

North Chattanooga is doing good work. While Daisy is not lazy and from duty won't shirk; Dividing ridge won't be behind, For there the members work and shine. Soddy and Rossville have had the test, And proved their worth to all the rest; They have been faithful and true and wouldn't give down, So we must all help them to give Satan a round.

To the Ferry and Whiteside churches, I haven't been, But to them I feel very close akin; I would like to hear from them along, Though I am sure they are standing true and strong.

The names of the preachers in the district and their plans for work are as follows:

Brother H. A. Pressgrove, assisted by his wife, Sister Bertie Mae Pressgrove, is pastoring the churches at Ridgedale, Soddy, and Rossville; Brother W. F. Bryant is pastoring at Dividing Ridge; Brother J. W. Nelson at North Chattanooga; Brother Walter Harmon at Daisy and Brother T. M. Bashan at Whiteside and Kelleys Ferry.

With such workers as the above named, assisted by the noble people that compose the membership of the Church of God in these localities all doing their best in the business of the King, I am sure that Satan will tremble at their work.

All we need to do now is to just stay in the business and God will supply the grit, grace and money to carry it on. There is no such thing as bank ruptcy or going out of business about the church of God. She is here to stay till Jesus comes.

Let's hurry on with the business so the King will not call us wicked and slothful when He comes. Preachers and deacons, plumb the line.

Members pay your tithes and shine; Clerks and treasurers be not slothful in business And always get around in time.

Be prompt and accurate in making your reports and sending the tithe of the tithes to headquarters to the general secretary. Remember also that we have a faithful state overseer, whose prorate is due him from each church in the state. After the tithe of the tithes have been sent to headquarters, the remaining amount should

be tithed and sent to the state overseer, M. W. Letsinger, Hyington, Tenn. The remaining amount left in the treasury is for the support of your pastor and if it is not sufficient to support him the deficiency must be made up in freewill offerings. Let's be sure that God does not have to charge us with robbing Him in offerings even though we have paid our tithes.

Remember also that the commission to the church is extended to all the world. The Assembly has decided that each member should give at least ten cents a month to foreign mission work. This sounds like a very little thing but if each member will do that this little mite in Foreign Mission work will amount to \$1.20 a year for each member or \$24,000.00 a year for the 20,000 members. That doesn't sound so little does it?

Foreign Mission day comes on the second Sunday of every other month: Jan. 14; March 11; May 13; July 8; Sept. 9 and Nov. 9. Twenty cents given by each member on these days will run the foreign mission offering up to the figures given above and no one will miss what they have given.

We must all remember the little orphans and keep up the birthday offerings in the Sunday school.

I hope that no one will feel like times are too hard to carry on the King's business?

The business men of the country are optimistic and are predicting a prosperous year in secular affairs. If they can look ahead and be optimistic for the country's business, why not the Church of God look on the bright side also and shout the victory for the King's business?

Let us predict a prosperous year for the Church of God in every line of its work and start in to do so. Let's see to it that no part of the work lags behind.

Start in for good revivals, better Sunday schools, a good district convention and the best Assembly of all the seventeen that are behind us. Start in to pay off all the indebtedness of our local churches, the Assembly building and the pressing debt of the publishing house, besides supporting the ministry and taking care of the orphans and foreign missionaries.

This is all the King's business and we must carry it on for we are ambassadors for Him. (See 2 Cor. 5: 20.) An ambassador is one who is appointed by the King or government to attend to business for his country in a foreign land.

Our King has gone to another country and we are His ambassadors to carry on His business till He comes back again. Let us all be true to our trust and prove faithful to Him. The wise man says, "A faithful ambassador is health." Prov. 3:17.

The faithfulness of every member will make a healthy church and the faithfulness of every church will make a healthy district, state, assembly or church as a whole.

The wise man is picturing the faithfulness and love of the church to Christ. He used a sunburned woman who had sacrificed her own comforts to serve others and then did not care to be seen. "Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun has looked upon me: My mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyards have I not kept." Song of Sol. 1:6.

Just think of how the ambassador to a foreign country must sacrifice the comforts of the home land and go and dwell among strangers to attend to national business for his country. That of course is important to the nations but there is nothing so important as the King's business for whom we are ambassadors.

Let us sacrifice all for Him and His Church and we will prove to be a faithful ambassador which is health.

Yours truly,  
J. P. Hughes, district pastor.

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Holy Ghost that abides in my soul. He speaks of the heavenly things of God and brings that heavenly joy to my soul which strengthens me so much while I live upon this earth.

Some day, dear saints, when we stand in the portals of glory all trials, temptations and parting with loved ones will be over and we will be united for all eternity to praise the great King of peace, Jesus the blessed Lamb of God. Jesus is the good shepherd. This day He is looking down in the valley upon the dry bones of profession.

Again I can picture Him looking far over the barren mountains where many are wounded and bleeding and wandering in sin bound by the enemy. I can hear His precious voice as He speaks these words, "Go free." Then, child, take them the glad tidings of Jesus which will bring them in from the fields of sin. Let us awaken, dear saints, and be up and working for Jesus while it is yet day and bring the wandering ones in from the field of sin.

Let's do like the good Samaritan, pour in the oil and wine upon the wounds by speaking to them in kindness and love and then let us sacrifice enough to get them to the inn where

Jesus, the great forgiver and greatest physician, can minister unto them.

My soul is rejoicing as I write because I know Jesus is with me. I praise His dear name. He has healed me many times. He also has healed my husband and little girl time and again. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the great, "I Am," not the great I was but the great, "I Am."

Let us remember that what He did for others in years gone by He can do for us. He has the same power. He tells us if we ask anything in faith, in His name, nothing wavering, it shall be done. Let us pray to receive more faith, then we will see the mighty work of God confirmed.

To all who reads this article of praise to my Lord and Master, I request your prayers, that my family and I may always stand on God's Word and be true servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, lifting up the name of Jesus and keep ourselves hid behind the cross, giving Jesus all the honor and glory for all things.

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